

**GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT TITLED** MONTEREY BAY BEACHES  
**RESPONSE TO FINDINGS** by Health Department (Monterey County Board of Supervisors  
[as required by Section 933.05(a) California Penal Code] (Agency)

Find- ing #	Check One §933.05(a)		Specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
	(1)	(2)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	The respondent agrees with the Findings	The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with Finding; see next column	<u><b>CONTINUE ON ATTACHED SHEETS AS NECESSARY</b></u>
1	X		
2	X		
3	X		
4	X		

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**FINDING #1:** In 2000 there were four Monterey County beaches closed due to sewage spills and 25 warning advisories of high bacterial content at local beaches. There were two additional sewage spills which did not result in the closure of the affected beaches.

**RESPONSE:** The Monterey County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

**FINDING #2:** Through September 2001 there had been one Monterey County beach closure due to a sewage spill and 11 warning advisories of high bacterial content at local beaches. There were three additional sewage spills in 2001 which did not result in closure of the affected beaches.

**RESPONSE:** The Monterey County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

**FINDING #3:** There is inadequate storm drain pipe maintenance in Monterey Peninsula cities.

**RESPONSE:** The Monterey County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

**FINDING #4:** Only one public information forum on how to keep beaches and coastal waters healthy was conducted in Monterey County during 2001. It was held in Monterey on February 28, 2001.

**RESPONSE:** The Monterey County Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

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**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS by** Health Department (Monterey County Board of Supervisors)  
 (Agency)  
 [as required by Section 933.05(b) California Penal Code]

Rec. #	Check One §933.05(b)				Time frame, explanation, summary (attached), etc.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
From Grand Jury Final Report	Has been implemented, include summary of action	Will be implemented, include time frame	Requires further analysis, include time frame	Will not be implemented, include explanation	<b><u>CONTINUE ON ATTACHED SHEETS AS NECESSARY</u></b>
1 a., b., c., and d.		X			See Attached

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**RECOMMENDATION #1:** The Board of Supervisors direct the Environmental Health Division of the Monterey County Health Department to share its expertise with Monterey Peninsula cities to determine what support they require to develop a community education program. The community education program that each Monterey Peninsula city develops should include, but not be limited to:

- a. Sources of run-off pollution into Bay waters;
- b. Monterey Bay bacterial pollution;
- c. Potential illnesses from polluted ocean water;
- d. Methods of prevention of pollution of Monterey Bay waters.

**RESPONSE:** Monterey County is committed to development of a model Non-Point Source (NPS) program that will be designed to address storm water runoff, sedimentation, and water quality concerns and issues. The County Administrative Office, Public Works, Health Department's Environmental Health Division, and the Water Resources Agency have formed a multi-discipline team that will develop a comprehensive and integrated approach to storm water management in Monterey County. The Water Resource Agency will be the lead organization in the County's team, and hence, will be responsible for developing a program. The proposed program will be designed to integrate with the efforts of existing peninsula city organizations, and is planned to expand that program into the entire County. Initial efforts will be focused addressing Phase II requirements of the National Pollution Elimination Discharge System (NPDES) for NPS. Additional elements of the program will be developed to address the impacts of total maximum daily loading (TMDL) concerns for the major water ways in the county.

The Monterey County Health Department's Environmental Health Division is prepared to assist the Monterey Peninsula cities in their community education programs relating to the sources, impact and prevention of run off pollution into the Monterey Bay. It will be the responsibility of the affected cities to develop and implement schedule and content for the programs.